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SUBJECT: PAKISTAN-AFGHAN RELATIONS

SUMMARY: PRESIDENT DAOUD'S BROTHER NAIM RAISED SUBJECT OF PAKISTAN-AFGHAN RELATIONS WITH NOV 26 MORE IN SORROW THAN IN ANGER. I GAVE HIM BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF OUR RECENT EFFORTS IN ISLAMABAD TO COOL THE RHETORIC.

1. DURING MY FIRST COURTESY CALL ON HIM NOV 26, PRESIDENT DAOUD'S BROTHER NAIM SAID THAT ONE OF AFGHANISTAN'S MAJOR PROBLEMS IS THAT INVOLVING ITS RELATIONS WITH PAKISTAN. HE SAID THAT HE WANTED TO HAVE ME FULLY INFORMED ON THIS SUBJECT AND ASKED DEPUTY FONMIN ABDULLAH, WHO WAS PRESENT, TO BRIEF ME FURTHER. NAIM SAID THAT THE MAIN PROBLEM REVOLVES AROUND THE CONTINUING EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN UNCONSTITUTIONALLY TO SUPPRESS AFGHANISTAN'S COMPATRIOTS IN PAKISTAN. HE SAID THAT THE GOA VERY MUCH HOPES THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN WILL HANDLE THE PROBLEM IN SUCH A WAY AS TO PREVENT THE SITUATION FROM BECOMING
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ONE IN WHICH AFGHANISTAN WOULD HAVE TO INVOLVE ITSELF.

2. IN RESPONSE, I SAID I LOOKED FORWARD VERY MUCH TO BEING
EDUCATED FURTHER ON THIS QUESTION. I SAID THAT DEPUTY FONMIN
ABDULLAH HAD ALREADY BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION SOME OF THE STATEMENTS
PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO HAD BEEN MAKING RECENTLY, THAT I HAD
REPORTED MR. ABDULLAH'S REMARKS TO OUR EMBASSY IN ISLAMABAD AND
THAT OUR EMBASSY THERE HAD SPOKEN TO SENIOR LEVELS IN THE
PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT ABOUT THE DESIRABILITY OF COOLING THE RHETORIC.
I CAUTIONED HIM, HOWEVER, THAT ALTHOUGH PAKISTAN IS A CLOSE
FRIEND AND ALLY OF THE US, OUR INFLUENCE THERE, AS NAIM KNEW,
WAS LIMITED.
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